



WELCOME BACK!

AUGUST PROVIDER MEETING

Lunch is generously provided by Colonial Life Sales. Thank you!

AGENDA

- Colonial Life Sales- Micah Evans and June Hershey
- DCF- Sherry Barr-McGahee (IR), Kristen Jones (MC), Avida Rosa (OK)
- Tykes and Teens- Rachael and Andrea (IR), Janice and Anne (MC)
- Boys and Girls Club of MC- Chef Dan Bettencourt
- Provider Recognition
- Program Quality Updates
- Finance Updates
- Family Services Updates
- Early Childhood Specialists Updates



The logo for Colonial Life, featuring the company name in a blue, serif font with a small crown icon above the letter 'I'.

COLONIAL LIFE SALES SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE

**MICAH EVANS
JUNE HERSHY**





DEPT. OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES

REMINDER AND UPDATES

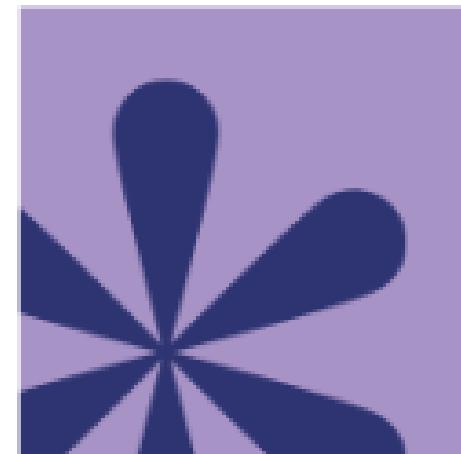
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Tykes & Teens

Leading the Way in Children's Mental Health

Early Childhood Mental Health: refers to the social, emotional, and cognitive well-being of children from birth to age 5, including their ability to form secure relationships, regulate emotions, and explore their environment

- Are you seeing social-emotional challenges outside of typical development, or has the caregiver reported trauma?
- IMH (Infant Mental Health)therapist in Martin and Indian River Counties: clients seen in the office or the community



Parents contact our Support Coordinator:
772-210-0255

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MARTIN COUNTY

CHEF DAN BETTENCOURT



PROGRAM QUALITY

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

New Position

Child Screening and Referral Specialist (all counties)

Michelle Alkire

Formerly Inclusion Coordinator/Behavior Specialist

Quality Specialist in Indian River

Vacant, currently interviewing

PROGRAM QUALITY 20 YEARS OF VPK!



Celebrating 20 Years of VPK!



20 SIGNS YOU TEACH VPK

- #1 YOU HAVE FESTIVE APPAREL FOR EVERY HOLIDAY
- #2 YOU'VE ACCIDENTALLY ASKED AN ADULT IF THEY NEED TO "GO POTTY"
- #3 YOU KNOW WHAT "HANITIZER" IS
- #4 YOUR EYES LIGHT UP WHEN A CHILD ENTERS YOUR CLASSROOM
- #5 ITS NOT UNCOMMON TO FIND A SMALL TOY, A ROCK, OR A CRAYON IN YOUR POCKET
- #6 YOUR STUDENTS HAVE CALLED YOU MOM
- #7 YOU HAVE SUPER STRONG IMMUNITY
- #8 YOU STOCK UP ON BANDAIDS
- #9 YOU HUM THE CLEANUP SONG AT HOME
- #10 NO TWO DAYS ARE THE SAME

- #11 YOU HAVE PATIENCE GALORE
- #12 YOUR HEART EXPLODES WHEN YOU SEE BRAINS LEARNING
- #13 YOU'VE RECENTLY PLAYED TAG
- #14 YOU CAN TIE SHOES WITH YOUR EYES SHUT
- #15 YOU GET EXCITED ABOUT NEW STORY BOOKS
- #16 YOU KNOW FAMILY STORIES THAT WOULD MAKE PARENTS BLUSH
- #17 YOU SAVE TOILET PAPER AND PAPER TOWEL ROLLS
- #18 YOU RANDOMLY RHYME IN YOUR HEAD
- #19 YOU KNOW SINGING THE ABC SONG DOES NOT EQUAL KNOWING LETTERS AND SOUNDS
- #20 YOU LOVE SHARING PROGRESS WITH PARENTS

PROVIDING VPK FOR 20 YEARS

A CHILD'S WORLD

APPLE TREE ACADEMY V

APPLE TREE ACADEMY II

APPLE TREE ACADEMY III

APPLE TREE ACADEMY IV

BRIDGES EARLY LEARNING CENTER

IRSD PREK PROGRAMS

EOC DOUGLAS HEAD START

DUNBAR/BANNER LAKE

EOC OF INDIAN RIVER

FIRST UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL

GERTRUDE WALDEN CHILD CARE



IMMANUEL EARLY LEARNING CENTER
LA PETITE ACADEMY
MCSD PREK PROGRAMS
PEBBLESTONE ACADEMY
REED CHILD CARE CENTER
ROSELAND CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL
SUNCOAST PRIMARY SCHOOL
TENDER CARE DAYCARE AND
PRESCHOOL
THE GRACE PLACE
THE LEARNING NEST
YMCA TEDDY BEAR ACADEMY

STAR EARLY LITERACY

- Educator's Academy Star Test Administrator Training, Sign and upload 2 Forms to Document Library in the Portal
 - Star Administration Training Video
 - Tracking Form
 - Parent Letters Provided within 7 Days of Testing

Questions? Ask Kelly Dotts 772-223-1220 ext 263
kdotts@elcirmo.org



VPK PM Performance Testing Results

Yea

Staff Training Day

As required by Rule 6M-4.500, effective 5/13/25, SR contracted providers will be reimbursed for up to 13 holidays. If the provider chooses to have the optional 13th holiday, it must be a Coalition-approved staff training day. At least 75% of staff must be in attendance. The training length must be equal to or more than 50% of the center's operational hours (open 10 hours, training must be 5 hours). The training day may be a combination of various presenters.

ELCIRMO will be offering (2) in-person staff training days as a Professional Development option. The conference will be 1/16/26 and 2/13/26 at IRSC Massey Fort Pierce Campus. The conference will be 6 hours, including a break for lunch. There will be breakout sessions appropriate for all staff. More details to come.

A provider may select their own Professional Development training to for ELCIRMO for approval. Approved staff trainings are listed on page two. A provider may select a training that is not listed, subject to approval from the Coalition.

Certificates of Completion and attendance documentation will be required for every staff member.

Please submit the completed form to Jill Flanagan (jflanagan@elcirmo.org) for review.

Provider _____ Number of Staff Participating _____

Please select one option:

Staff will attend ELCIRMO Professional Development conference (circle 1) 1/16/26 or 2/13/26.
No further action necessary at this time.

Provider will select their own Professional Development training. Please complete portion below.

Person Completing Form _____ Date _____

Date of Staff Training Day _____

Professional Development Facilitator (Names of Facilitator and Business)

SR STAFF TRAINING DAY

PROCESS

- Prior Submission and Approval of Staff Training Day Form Required
- Length = 50% of operating hours
- Signed Attendance sheet and individual certificates of completion to be submitted
- All documentation to be submitted to Jill Flanagan

PROGRAM ASSESSMENTS

CHECK YOUR QPS CLASSROOMS FOR:

**Room Name
Age Level
CLASS Tool
Teacher
Names**



**Be Sure Info is
Current!**



SR_VPK Attendance & Uniform Policy Processes

- ⊕ Attendance must be submitted no later than the third business day of the month.

Enrollment/Attendance submitted before or after the due date will be considered late and will not be processed in the next payment cycle.



Deadline: 3rd business day of each month by 5:00 PM:

- ⊕ Sign-In Sheets: Must be submitted in alphabetical order, matching the portal records. This will help us process attendance records faster and efficiently
- ⊕ All required documents must be uploaded to the designated folder to be able to review your monthly attendance roster.
- ⊕ **Importance of Ending Enrollments in the Provider Portal:**
- ⊕ This will help us Availability of open slots so that children on the waiting list can be enrolled promptly, depending on funding.
- ⊕ **Rilya Wilson Act:** Applies to children in out-of-home care or under child protective services. (All BG1) Reminder: Daily Attendance Tracking call LOG.is required.
- ⊕ We encourage you to please read or email. We sent a lot of good information that can help you streamline the process.



VPK RATES

VPK Program: School Year Provider Rates

Rate Effective Date: 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026

County: 4 counties selected... GO

County	Base Student Allocation	X District Cost Differential	Maximum Provider Payment	Hourly Rate (excludes SIS)
Indian River	\$ 3029.00	0.9953	\$ 3013.20	\$ 5.58
Martin	\$ 3029.00	0.9993	\$ 3029.40	\$ 5.61
Okeechobee	\$ 3029.00	0.9456	\$ 2862.00	\$ 5.30

FAMILY SERVICES

- Family Services is reviewing 400+ enrollment applications, so please be patient. Assure your families that they will be reviewed and contacted as they are processed. Thank you!
- Please enter VPK Enrollments and terminate Enrollments (SR and VPK) ASAP as opposed to month's end. If you need help, please contact your Family Services Specialist promptly so they can happily assist you!
- Providers should monitor enrollment status upon redetermination. Providers receive an email 6 weeks prior. Suggestion- add a daily calendar reminder for the last week to check portal for updated status. Thank you for reminding families to complete their redetermination paperwork, as well!





Early Childhood Specialists

August 2025

2024-2025 CSCMC COACHING RESULTS

PRESCHOOL
5 PRESCHOOL TEACHERS SCORED A
COMPOSITE SCORE OVER A 6.0
94% MADE GROWTH IN INSTRUCTIONAL
SUPPORT

TODDLER
100% MADE GAINS IN ENGAGED
SUPPORT FOR LEARNING

INFANT
100% OF PARTICIPANTS SHOWED
GROWTH IN ALL DIMENSIONS

PRESCHOOL

NATIONAL AVERAGE ES SCORE: 5.69
PROGRAM AVERAGE ES SCORE: 6.59
NATIONAL AVERAGE CO SCORE: 5.44
PROGRAM AVERAGE CO SCORE: 6.13
NATIONAL AVERAGE IS SCORE: 2.62
PROGRAM AVERAGE IS SCORE: 4.09

TODDLER

NATIONAL AVERAGE IN EBS: 5.37
PROGRAM AVERAGE SCORE IN EBS: 6.48
NATIONAL AVERAGE IN ESL: 3.08
PROGRAM AVERAGE SCORE IN ESL: 4.87

INFANT

NATIONAL AVERAGE: 4.43
PROGRAM AVERAGE SCORE: 6.32

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PROVIDERS CHOSEN FOR THE 2025-2026 CSCMC COACHING PROGRAM!

APPLE TREE ACADEMY III

APPLE TREE ACADEMY V

BANNER LAKE EARLY LEARNING CENTER

BETHEL LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

REED I

REED II

FUMPS

MCSD- PINEWOOD

MCSD - SALERNO LEARNING CENTER

MCSD- FELIX WILLIAMS

MCSD- JENSEN BEACH ELEMENTARY



Indiantown Early Childhood Specialist and Literacy Coach



Erica Kelley
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- Warfield Elementary School PreK Classrooms
- Indiantown YMCA 4-year-old classroom
- Family Workshops and Educational Events for Indiantown
- Other ELCIRMO Educational Workshops



UNITED WAY
Martin County



COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
FOR PALM BEACH AND MARTIN COUNTIES



Global Early Childhood Specialist Coaching Team

*One on one coaching,
courses, classroom support,
and help with teaching needs
at your school*



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Coming Soon! Starting Your Teaching Journey

- Starting Your Teaching Journey will now offer two age-level paths to choose from: **Tiny Voices and Rising Voices**.
- Tiny Voices is a three-part series and completion of all three courses is required for the \$150 stipend.
- Rising Voices path is the same courses offered as previous years and stipends will be received by completion of each individual course.

Starting Your Teaching Journey

- Participants will choose a path based on the age level they teach.
- **Rising Voices** courses, *Intro to CLASS* course, & *How to Obtain DCF 45 Hours* course stipends are paid by **completion of each individual course**.
- **Tiny Voices** stipend is paid once a participant has complete ALL THREE courses: *Developmental Stages, Effective Facilitation, and Language Modeling*.
- All courses are offered **VIRTUALLY** so participants must have access to a computer or phone.



For more information:

Karley Justice, Early Childhood Program Specialist
kjustice@elcirmo.org or (722)223-3845

Other Workshops Coming Your Way!

- Intro to CLASS (Teachstone Course)
- CLASS Group Coaching (a 12-week course)
- CLASS Observer Trainings
- Okeechobee Heggerty Training and Phonological Awareness with Resources
- “Bring it with Big Talk” LENA Coaching for Indian River
- Frog Street Curriculum Trainings for Indian River
Building a Classroom Community (Fall) and Using your Curriculum (Spring)
- New! Infant and Toddler teacher training series (Tiny Voices)
- ELCIRMO Conference Day! (January)
...and more!



Children's Services
Council of
Okeechobee

PROVIDER BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Provider Representative
Donna Reed, Okeechobee

Faith-Based Provider Representative
Lorie Rudolph, Indian River

THANK YOU
VERY MUCH